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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Dugger Mountain Wil-  
3 derness Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DUGGER MOUNTAIN WILDER-**  
5 **NESS, ALABAMA.**

6       (a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of  
7 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain Fed-  
8 eral lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State  
9 of Alabama, which comprise approximately 9,200 acres,  
10 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Proposed Dugger  
11 Mountain Wilderness” and dated July 2, 1999, are hereby  
12 designated as wilderness and, therefore, as a component  
13 of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and shall  
14 be known as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness.

15       (b) MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—As soon as practicable  
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
17 of Agriculture shall submit to Congress a map and a  
18 boundary description of the area designated as wilderness  
19 by this section. The map and description shall have the  
20 same force and effect as if included in this Act, except  
21 that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical  
22 errors in the map and description. A copy of the map and  
23 description shall be on file and available for public inspec-  
24 tion in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service and  
25 in the office of the Supervisor of National Forest System  
26 lands in Alabama.

1       (c) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
2 lands designated as wilderness by this section shall be  
3 managed by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance  
4 with the provisions of the Wilderness Act governing areas  
5 designated by that Act as wilderness, except that, with re-  
6 spect to the wilderness area designated by this section, any  
7 reference in the Wilderness Act to the effective date of  
8 the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to  
9 the date of the enactment of this Act.

10       (d) TREATMENT OF DUGGER MOUNTAIN FIRE  
11 TOWER.—The Forest Service shall have 2 years, begin-  
12 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act, in which  
13 to use ground-based mechanical and motorized equipment  
14 to disassemble and remove from the wilderness area des-  
15 ignated by this section the Dugger Mountain fire tower,  
16 which has been scheduled for removal by the Forest Serv-  
17 ice, and any supporting structures. The road to the fire  
18 tower shall be open to motorized vehicles during this pe-  
19 riod only for the purpose of removing the tower and sup-  
20 porting structures, after which time the road shall be per-  
21 manently closed to motorized use. The Forest Service shall  
22 follow the provisions of the National Historic Preservation  
23 Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.) in the determination and exe-

1 cution of the removal of the tower and supporting struc-  
2 tures.

Passed the House of Representatives November 1,  
1999.

Attest:

*Clerk.*